

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. In order to expedite allowance of the subject matter of claims 1-2, 4-6 and 11-15 (indicated by the Examiner as allowable), Applicants have canceled claims 3 and 7-10 without prejudice toward their reconsideration in a continuation application.

Applicants have further added the requested amendment relating to the related applications and have amended the paragraph describing the two portions of Figure 4 to clarify the reference to different portions of the figure.

Applicants believe no new matter is presented in any portion of this amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

Respectfully submitted,



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